

# Earth First! Action Update



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*"The media will have you hating the people who are being oppressed, and loving the people who are doing the oppressing" Malcolm X*

## MAKE LOVE NOT WAR



On St. Valentine's Day about 500 people arrived at Faslane Nuclear Sub Base to take part in a massive blockade. 189 people including MPs and members of the clergy, were arrested in a totally peaceful action. Messages of support came from such notables as Sean Connery (!) and Kurt Vonnegut.

Co-ordinated by Trident Ploughshares, Scottish CND and British CND, the action was to publicise the true nature of nuclear weapons – immoral, dangerous in every respect, a vast waste of money, and above all, illegal under international law.

The first wave of protestors arrived at 7am, in time to prevent the early shift of workers getting into the base. Police set up a roadblock at the South Gate, but North Gate was successfully blocked at the point of entry by a 3-headed monster and a giant heart – actually elaborate lock-on devices. Further down the road at the Peace Camp, police were totally surprised by the appearance of two heavy lock-on barrels which created massive tailbacks of traffic. In spite of truly awful weather, protestors stayed at the gate and continued to block the entrance. People were still being arrested in the late morning. Virtually everyone

arrested was taken to one of Glasgow's 4 police stations, and many were not released until the early hours of next day.

### Living

A Trident Ploughshares spokesperson said of the action's success: 'The action shows that more and more people are grasping the urgency of the threat posed by Britain's unlawful nuclear arsenal. We are delighted that so many have been to take this significant step towards preventing nuclear crime.' A spokesperson from the base gave his opinion, 'The workforce is sick and tired of these people trying to stop us earning a living'.

### Dying

Faslane is home to 4 British Trident submarines HMS's *Vanguard*, *Victorious*, *Vigilant* and *Vengeance*. Trident began replacing *Polaris* in Britain's arsenal in the 1970's, and is a major escalation in Britain's nuclear capability. It is far more powerful and destructive than its predecessor. Effects of nuclear weapons include all kinds of cancers, heart disease, damage to environments, contamination of the food chain, radioactive fallout, and psychological stress and fear.

The Monthly Round up of  
Ecological, and Other, Direct  
Action from Around Britain

Earth First! is not a cohesive group or campaign, but a convenient banner for people who share similar principles to work under. The general principles behind the name are non-hierarchical organisation and the use of direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces that are responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants

### Illegal

An Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice in 1996 concluded "In view of the unique characteristics of nuclear weapons... The use of such weapons is scarcely reconcilable with the rules of humanitarian law." This conclusion was based on a 100 year accumulation of International Humanitarian Law. The St Valentine's Day action, dubbed "Crimebusters' Blockade", involved a mass of people wilfully laying themselves open to a charge of Breach of the Peace, under Scottish Law. This charge is risible, given that only yards from the site of the arrests, massive organised illegality which threatens the destruction of humanity is going on routinely. The 180-odd charged do not expect to go to court, but watch this space...

### Huntingdon

February 12th saw the second National Demo against Huntingdon Life/Death Sciences in Cambridgeshire, where 500 animals of many different species die daily in cruel and useless experiments. Once again protest was excluded at the laboratory site, so several hundred people converged on Cambridge and kept the police occupied redirecting traffic and standing in neat lines for an afternoon. Three branches of Natwest Bank, now notorious for funding HLS, were visited.

The EF! AU is written by activists as a networking tool for activists. A different collective takes on its editorship for a year at a time, in line with EF!'s non-hierarchical principles. If you have done an action, set up a new group, or want to tell people about a campaign, then send us an article (maximum 150 words). It doesn't matter if it seems small to you; stories of 3 people sitting on a digger are sometimes the most inspiring especially to people who aren't part of a large group. The feature pages are also available for longer articles which will provide useful information for

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## News in Brief

Midland Expressway Limited (MEL), the company behind the Birmingham Northern Relief Road, are in a little financial strife thanks to a long public enquiry and the occupation of the site by protesters. After a 3 year delay the cost of the road has doubled, and now MEL is being relieved by a shortfall of 8 of your favourite banks. MEL are looking for a little spare change from the banks, somewhere in the region of £700 million, to make sure the road goes ahead.

Passengers on a no. 15 Stagecoach bus in London took a ride with a difference when the bus suddenly met a woman holding a banner, ordering the vehicle to 'Stop in the name of Love!'. Stagecoach were targeted as they are part-financing the anti section 28 campaign. As the bus drew to a halt, members of the Lesbian Avengers group commenced their mission - hanging banners stating 'Repeal Section 28', distributing leaflets to the passengers and painting the bus bright pink! Contact: Lesbian Avengers, 0181 374 9885

'Keep the Clause', in their quest for spreading hateful, homophobic rhetoric have a Freepost address which has been bombarded with empty envelopes, old beer mats, telephone books, and it was a rumoured, a paving slab. Keep the Clause, Freepost SCO 5219, Perth PH2 8BR.

Canadian Pacific Coastal Airlines recently barred a member of Greenpeace from boarding one of their planes because it regards Greenpeace as a 'quasi-terrorist organisation'.

West Country Activist has been revamped as Action South West, and they are looking for people to re-subscribe. Send donations, spare stationary, stories, or office equipment to Box 80 Greenleaf, 82 Colston St Bristol, BS1 5BB, tel. 07931 268966, e-mail wca99@hotmail.com

The U.S. Department of Justice has officially declared E.L.F. spokesperson, Craig Rosebraugh, a target of a federal grand jury investigation in Portland, Oregon, USA. Rosebraugh says "This investigation is obviously nothing more than a fishing expedition. These governmental agencies clearly have no idea who is conducting these actions so they are going to harass the only public face they can identify and relate to this subject, the spokesperson. Meanwhile, underground actions in protection of the land and its creatures continue. This is a movement the government cannot stop."

The outgoing head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) became the latest victim to be pied last Sunday. In a farewell speech at a meeting of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Bangkok, Michel Camdessus' claim that the IMF "are best friends of the poor" was clearly too much for one outraged person, who pied him full in the face. Splat!

## Beach Bummed

Ever wondered what a tropical paradise looks like? Rupert Murdoch's new 20th Century Fox film 'The Beach', directed by Andrew Macdonald and Danny Boyle, obviously didn't. They were slightly confused as far as the word 'paradise' was concerned, and thought it meant bulldozing beaches, pulling up indigenous trees and single-handedly helping to destroy an ecosystem. Macdonald then had the audacity to state "everything is tip-top on Phi Phi Leh" even though the last monsoon washed his make shift beach away.

The usual fee for filming in a Thai

National park is 1,000 baht, about \$26, but as Fox films handed over \$108,000 which they termed a donation and an additional deposit of 5-million baht, it was hardly a surprise they received the go-ahead.

Local people are now asking people to boycott the film, and on Wednesday at the film premier in Leicester Square, activists from the Campaign for Ethical Filmmaking gatecrashed proceedings. Donning Leonardo Di Caprio masks, they were waved through police lines, under the cover of a stretched limo and alighted to the screams of thousands of

waiting fans! Screams turned to laughter, though, as one penguin-suited activist held aloft a Golden Bulldozer Award. To add insult to injury, Leonardo Di Caprio is hosting the Earth day celebrations in April on... sustainable living!

On Friday 11th February more than a dozen protesters brought the remains of the beach to Warner Village Cinema, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK. Sand, trees and the sea were deposited by the entrance by environmentalists in swimwear and 'Leonardo di Caprio' himself, in order to highlight the environmental destruction caused to Maya Bay, Thailand, during filming of 'The Beach' which began its general release that day.

The activists entered the cinema to hand the manager a letter of protest and a dead tree as a symbol of the destruction they were to profit from. Once inside the cinema complex protesters also enlisted the help of Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny, and Tweety Pie, who all willingly held banners demanding a boycott of 'The Beach', some of the public also joined in. The protesters encouraged cinema goers



to boycott the film by distributing flyers, talking to those queuing and creating their own Beach scenes outside and inside the cinema.

Despite a police presence, and agitation around the building of a sand castle there were no arrests. For further information: see [www.uq.edu.au/~pgreggde](http://www.uq.edu.au/~pgreggde), or contact Boycott 'The Beach', PO Box 1TA, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE99 1TA.

## 'Terrorist' train activist sentenced

There were riots in Turin, Italy, on 30th Jan after Silvano Pellicciro was sentenced to 6 years and 8 months in prison. His crime? According to the state prosecutor, Tatangelo, "Pellicciro and those like him are dangerous for the democratic state, not so much for the nature of their crimes, but for the popular consensus which they create in a potentially explosive social situation."

3 people, Silvano, Soledad Maria Rosas and Edoardo Massari were the scapegoats of a continued crackdown by the Italian authorities on people labelled as "terrorists". Despite no evidence, they were accused of being involved in the Grey Wolves, a so-called eco-terrorist group which allegedly "sabotaged" a building site for high speed trains in the Northern Italian Alps.

The Italian state used special terrorism laws to keep the three in prison despite lack of evidence against them. This led to first Edoardo, then Sole a month later to commit suicide (knowing the reputation of the Italian police in causing "accidental deaths of anarchists" some people seriously question these suicides).

A protest in solidarity with the Italian activists was planned in front of the Italian Embassy, London, on Wednesday 23rd February. Contact: [silosquat@tiscalinet.it](mailto:silosquat@tiscalinet.it)

### Betuwelijn debate continues...

It took two full days, 550 heavy-duty policemen and cost around 3 million guilders (1.4 million Euro), but eventually around 80 Dutch EarthFirst! (GroenFront!) activists were evicted from the eight squatted houses that blocked the way for one of the most expensive and prestigious transport projects in the Netherlands: the Betuwelijn. This rail freight line from the Rotterdam harbour to the German 'hinterland' is one of the fourteen priority projects of TENS, the Trans European Networks. The Betuwelijn which will ruin beautiful scenery and many small villages and houses along the 130 km route, has been heavily criticised by all parties, including economists, scientists, local and national politicians, road hauliers, freight shippers and environmental activists. The question is what will happen next. Possibly the Betuwelijn debate gets a new impulse because of the recent actions, but many more are likely needed in the nearby future. GroenFront! has promised to keep on doing actions until the last rail is put into

### Resistance is Fertile!

Across the world people are waking up to the implications of GE technology. Beyond the health and environmental risks posed, there is a global system of food production that is forcing this unwanted, unsafe and unnecessary technology upon us. These concerns have highlighted the choices that we can make about the food we grow and eat. Consequently a global week of activities is being planned from 1-7 April 2000 to fight against genetic engineering and also with the aim to celebrate the diversity of our local agricultural systems and will be an opportunity to strengthen the international network of anti-GE activists and show the solidarity between groups that have diverse political and social backdrops to their campaigning.

Topics including aspects of industrial agriculture, GE, world trade systems and the positive alternatives to this institutionalised madness could be focussed on. There will also be global actions to participate in. It is down to all of us to make this happen to start getting organised and creating inspiration. Contact: [www.resistanceisfertile.com](http://www.resistanceisfertile.com); contributions to: [seeds@gn.apc.org](mailto:seeds@gn.apc.org).

### Porky Pie Productions

Kugelblitz is a London TV production company with close links through their director Martin Durkin to the virulently anti-environmentalist and mysteriously funded 'Living Marxism'. Kugelblitz made the distorted, pro-Monsanto 'Against Nature' and more recently have been making an 'Equinox' programme for Channel 4 on the scientifically proven 'wonders' of GMO's. The mission seems to be 'pretend you're radicals then turn the truth upside down'.

Kugelblitz seem set on discrediting the hard-work and time put in to expose the truth. They play to people's cynicism bombarding the audience with so many lies they end up totally confused about whatever the issue is. They are at the sharp end of the misinformationists and we need to stop them spreading lies.

After 'Against Nature' Channel 4 were so concerned about the proven bias of the programme, misrepresenting contributors and the motives of the programme makers that they put on a hastily-unscheduled discussion programme about the series. Greens, particularly George Monbiot, proceeded to pull apart the series and expose it as a pack of lies.

Both Kugelblitz and director, Martin Durkin, should have been told to go find a new career but no they have been awarded new commissions by Channel 4's top science editor!

At the moment Kugelblitz are operating normally - hopefully not for long they live at: Kugelblitz, 4P Leroy House, 436 Essex Road, LONDON N1 3QP. Tel: 0171 688 1711/1705. Contact Equinox's editor responsible, Charles Fumeaux: [cfumeaux@channel4.co.uk](mailto:cfumeaux@channel4.co.uk), and his assistant Marie to remind them that their decision to select Kugelblitz with their clear track record of distortion to make a so-called serious science programme for the Equinox series is a serious dereliction of duty. You can fax Charles Fumeaux's office direct on 0171 306 8358.

### Camps under siege!

At GorseWood, evictions are now well in swing however just before going to print a handful of protesters were still holding out in a tunnel with the bailiffs still a fair way off till reaching them. Large areas of meadowland, woodland and the environmentally sensitive Curry Hill are set to be destroyed to make way for the 6-lane A130 link road. The road is being financed by the Private Finance Initiative, and is sponsored by Country-route plc which is a consortium of road-builders Laing.

The siege at Hockley continues with those at the camp being trapped inside with provisions of food drying up. People are desperately needed NOW to bring food and get over the perimeter fences.

The developers (Countryside Residential) have fenced off the whole site and drive piles around the perimeter. Security guards are present. There is a small gate through the security compound - but effectively, the protestors in the camp feel as if they are under "house arrest" and being "starved out". There have been a lot of problems getting food in. However, post can get in.

Please send any food parcels ASAP to: Beckney Protest Camp, Wood Avenue Hockley, Essex SS5 5NU

Also may be useful: those tin blankets that keep the heat in (you can get them at camping shops). If you can get down to the site to show support (and throw supplies over the perimeter fence) at any time over the next few weeks - ASAP! - please do. Also make the most of seeing this beautiful area of wildlife rich woodland before it disappears forever under 60 luxury homes.

### Nestle 16 cases dropped

Charges for the "Nestle 16" have been dropped just before the planned court case. The 16 activists were originally charged with attempted burglary at a demonstration at a Nestle factory in Halifax on N30 last year. The cases were dropped, well... Because there was f.a. evidence against them!

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Women around the world are involved in a huge variety of different actions, campaigns and International Women's Day. March 8<sup>th</sup> 2000, draws attention to this. On this day, and on other highlighting the links between different types of oppression they are involved in fighting evi

## Stop The War On Women!

### The Campaign Against the Arms Trade Women's Network

While everyone is affected when arms are sold to repressive regimes, women find themselves on the front line in modern wars; the nature of conflict has changed so that over 90% of today's casualties are civilians, not combatants. Women are targeted specifically through the use of sexual violence, and are affected more generally by conflict in ways which men are not. 8 out of 10 of the world's refugees are women and children, while those most likely to be hit by the misuse of scarce resources are female; if a family can only afford to educate one of its children because a government has slashed social spending to subsidise arms buying, that child is probably male.

We want to draw attention to the UK's role in arming regimes which abuse women's rights, and express our support for women in conflict zones around the world. Ending the arms trade obviously wouldn't end violence against women, but banning the sale of weaponry to states such as Turkey, where Kurdish women are routinely raped by Turkish soldiers, would at least send a clear message to the perpetrators of such abuses. At the moment, potential arms customers can abuse, rape and displace women, with no diplomatic ill effects – still offered loans and credit at the taxpayers' expense to purchase all the guns, and tanks their hearts desire.

*It would be nice if hospitals and schools had all the money they needed and the army had to hold jumble sales to buy guns.*

by PETRA KELLY (1947-1992) LEADER OF THE GERMAN GREENS



On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Campaign Against Arms Trade Women's Network will be taking action to mark International Women's Day, in solidarity with women around the world who are at the receiving end of the UK's mercenary attitude to human rights.

The action is in London on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 – 11am. Meet at the Department of Trade and Industry, Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria street (next to the Clinton card shop) – nearest tube: Victoria/St James' Park.

If you'd like more information, or materials, if you're interested in NVDA, or if you'd like to find out more about the CAAT Women's Network, call June or Sarah at the CAAT office on 020 7281 0297, or e-mail [womensnet@caat.demon.co.uk](mailto:womensnet@caat.demon.co.uk). And if you can make it on the 8<sup>th</sup> we'd love to see you!

## Women Speak Out!

Women Speak Out organise weekends of political, feminist, radical, anti-capitalist ideas and actions. Their broad aims include empowering women involved in environmental and anti-nuclear campaigns, encouraging new women to become involved in activism, providing workshops where women can learn skills for non-violent direct action, and building up strong networks to lay foundations for future actions.

The next Women Speak Out weekend will be 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May, in London. The weekend will embrace a mixture of discussion, skill sharing and practical workshops on a wide range of subjects such as history of feminism, sustainable living in cities, bike maintenance, sexuality, guerrilla gardening, direct action, anti-patriarchal struggles, fighting racism...

...sleeping space, crèche and cheap, tasty vegan food. For more info. Tel: 0181 374 9885 email: [womenspeakout@hotmail.com](mailto:womenspeakout@hotmail.com)

rs. Women will be showing solidarity with each other, celebrating their strength, and every day.

Women make up half the world's population, perform two-thirds of its work-hours, receive one-tenth of the world's income and own less than one-hundredth of its property. (UN Report, 1980)

## Global Women's Strike

### *Stop the world and change it!*

Women all over the world will be taking action to demand a total change of priorities. \$800bn a year is spent on military budgets worldwide, while less than \$20 billion is spent on all the essentials of life - accessible clean water, health, sanitation, basic education. March 8<sup>th</sup> 2000 will be the first-ever Global Women's Strike - for a Millennium which values all women's work and all women's lives.

**INDIA** Women will do no housework or other work in the villages of Madhya Pradesh; thousands will march in Raipur, Raigarh & Mahasamund. Chhattisgarh Women's Organisation will go to Bhopal to meet officials and to Delhi to lobby the government Chief Minister, pressing demands to end violence and poverty.

**SPAIN** Women from churches, trades unions, local government and feminists are calling a stoppage of women (and men supporters) at 12 noon for a Millennium without Poverty or Violence. Women in waged work will gather outside their workplaces, and women doing unwaged work will gather in the central square of their village, town or neighbourhood for the reading of a manifesto outlining stoppage demands

**BURKINO FASO** Rural women are striking to exist, demanding money for birth certificates and identity cards which most can't afford.

**CANADA** Raging Grannies holding a workshop downtown and a Press Conference with Queen's Women's Centre, publicising Women Take Off March 8.

**MEXICO:** Daughters of the Corn Women's Collective holding a strike day with public meeting, debate and celebration in Mexico City

Women are also making plans in: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Kurdistan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan...

**UK Events** In LONDON, women are invited to be audacious and bodacious at a Day of Celebration and protest, films and live performances by women singers, dancers, poets, from a range of countries. Full wheelchair access; childcare; food & refreshments. 1-11pm, Union Chapel, Compton Avenue, Islington, London, N1 (Highbury & Islington tube). Activities also planned at Bolton Unemployed Centre; Salford Women's Centre; Liverpool Black Sisters; Keithley Women's Centre, & in Ashton under Lyne.

For info on the Global Women's Strike contact Crossroads Women's Centre on 0207 482 2496. Website <http://womenstrike8m.server101.com> Strike leaflets available in 15 languages.



**USA** Events in several major cities including Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Washington DC, co-ordinated by US Wages for Housework. The Welfare Warriors (Wisconsin) gathering women's Bills for Billy (Clinton) - what welfare they're owed for their work, which he's stealing from them

**PHILIPPINES** Community groups will lobby the president to issue a Presidential Proclamation making 8 March a paid holiday, women's parties and picnics in communities and villages, a "No Shopping Day" to protest against the consumer industry's profits at women's expense

**IRELAND:** The Women Count Network will be striking for a change in any way they think appropriate and, along with the National Women's Council, is pressing for a National Paid Holiday on 1 February (St Brigid's Day), to Value Women's Work "A DAY OFF - because we're worth it!"

**TRINIDAD & TOBAGO** The National Union of Domestic Employees will lead a women's march and rally in the capital, Port of Spain.

**NIGERIA** The Grassroots Women Foundation is demanding that 8 March be declared a national public holiday and that breastfeeding working mothers be paid a special allowance.

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## Ooh Aah...U'wa

The U'wa people are being killed. They are in engaged in a tense standoff with the Colombian Government and Occidental Petroleum (Oxy) to prevent oil drilling on their sacred ancestral lands. The U'wa tribe have been fighting against Oxy extracting oil from their land for a few years. Even Shell pulled out of the project citing human rights concerns. In Colombia oil brings militarisation and environmental destruction. The situation is urgent.

On Friday, February 11, combined Colombian military and police forces arrived in Canoas, approximately 4 kilometres from Gibraltar 1, site of the Oxy's proposed oil well. At the site, approximately 450 people from the U'wa community, and their supporters were gathered. Without prior warning, soldiers and anti-riot police used tear gas, bulldozers and riot sticks to charge the crowd and the U'wa were forced to flee by leaping into the River Cubujón. As a result of these violent acts, three U'wa children died. Many adults were injured, and there are U'wa who are still missing.

Responding to the recent use of force by the Colombian National Police against the peaceful U'wa, rural workers throughout the region began a general strike on February 15. The U'wa resistance continues but to be successful the efforts of the U'wa in Colombia must be matched by global action!

Organize against Fidelity Investments - one of Oxy's largest shareholders who are willing to profit from the destruction of U'wa lands and culture. (Fidelity have hardly done their PR any favours by announcing that 'Our portfolio managers are not trained to make investment decisions in order to fulfil social or political objectives.') Find your nearest Fidelity Investor centre at: <http://personal400.fidelity.com/gen/centers/invstctr.html>.

Write to Fidelity's CEO Mr. Edward Johnson III, Fidelity Investments, 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109.

More info at [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org) or [www.amazonwatch.org](http://www.amazonwatch.org)

## Oxford

Campaigners in Oxford are trying to stop Berkeley Homes evicting voles and lizards and building £350,000 worth of 'socially useful' housing alongside the canal.

Slogans appear every night and are white-washed by contractors each day. Anarchist rules football has been played, watched by an audience of 4 police for 2 hours. In a separate incident Laing Homes have demolished the wall of a listed bridge and are now in trouble with the Council. They are also in trouble with the fire brigade for blocking access to the industrial estate with a JCB where they were burning demolition waste and being unable to find the keys. <http://freespace.virgin.net/art.2000/OxfordCanal>

City Police spotters nabbed Kuldip Bajwa demonstrating outside the Labour Party conference in Bournemouth due to his likeness to someone caught on video hitting a police riot shield with a placard pole at June 18. Judge Barthurst Norman said too much leniency had previously been shown to J18 reprobates and sentenced Kuldip to a full 21 months for violent disorder. No mention was made of the violent disorder perpetrated by police reprobates at the same event.

### Saptal Ram

Saptal Ram has now been in jail for fourteen years, for defending himself against a violent racist attack in a Birmingham restaurant. Whilst in prison, he has been subjected to constant strip-searches and beatings. On Monday 28th Feb, his family are due to meet with Paul Boateng, the Minister for prisons, to demand that Saptal be released immediately. There will be a vigil of support on the same day outside the Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 beginning at 9.30am. Free Saptal Ram, PO Box 23139, London SE1 1ZU. [www.ncade.demon.co.uk/saptal.html](http://www.ncade.demon.co.uk/saptal.html)

## Prisoners

Kuldip Bajwa DN7230. HM Prison Brixton, Jebb Avenue, London SW2 5XF. 21 months for offence relating to J18.

Stuart Tokham DN7072. Also HMP Brixton. Jeff Booker, sentenced to 18 months for J18 activities, has been moved to HMP Elmley, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent ME12 4AX. Prison number DN7071.

## Action Diary

### MARCH

1-8 International Week of Action for the Abolition of nuclear weapons. Contact CND 0171 700 2393.

4 Demo at Menwith Hill US Spy Base, 12 noon till 4pm. Contact Yorkshire CND, 01274 730795.

4 Mumia Must Live! Demo. Assemble 1pm

Memorial Campaign. Contact 020 7538 5821.

4-5 Hebden Bridge: CAAT Residential National Forum against arms exports. Contact CAAT 020-7281 0279.

8 International Women's Day and Global Strike. Contact Crossroads Women's Centre, 0171 482 2496.

8 CAAT Women's Network Action. 9 am Department of Trade and Industry, Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria St, London. Nearest tube Victoria. Tel: 020 7281 0297

9 Global Day of Action in Solidarity with the U'wa. [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org)

10 Fundraising Night for Simon Jones Memorial Campaign. Mark Thomas etc. at Hove Town Hall, 8.30 pm. Contact PO Box 2600, Brighton BN2 2DX, or book on 709709.

11 CAAT Student Gathering, London. 020 7281 0297

17-19 Living without Cruelty Exhibition, Kensington Town Hall, London. £3.50/£2.50 concessions. Contact: Animal Aid 01732 364546

26 Global Boycott of Procter and Gamble. Contact Unceag. 0114 253 0020.

### APRIL

1-7 Resistance is Fertile, week of action against genetic foods

16-17 'mobilisation for global justice', Actions planned when the IMF meet in Washington DC.

28-MAY 1 Mayday 2000 Conference - Festival of Anti-Capitalist Ideas and Action. Contact Mayday 2000, (0)20 8374 5027. BM Mayday London WC1N 3XX.

30 Stop the Terrorism Bill Demo. Meet 2pm Highbury Fields, Highbury, London N5. Nearest tube Highbury and Islington. Contact 0161 226 6814.

### MAY

6 Day for people of Iraq, Central London Venue. (0)207 872 5451.

12-17 Hope & Resistance International Gathering, Oxford. £50 includes accommodation and meals. Reservation essential: 01273 625 173 rowantilly@gn.apc.org

26-29 Women Speak Out weekend Tel: 0181 374 9885.

## Global May Day Gains Momentum

Mayday 2000 Global Day of Action is taking place in over 40 cities in 16 countries, including, in England, London, Sheffield, Manchester and Southampton. The conference taking place in London on 29th and 30th April will be a mixture of issues-based workshops, campaign updates, skills sharing and DIY, a book-fair, film festival, alternative media and puppet and banner-making over the weekend.

### Say "Scheese"

On Sun 30th April, everyone is invited to A30 "Class of 2000" - in opposition to the Terrorism Bill - come dressed for direct action. See Action Diary.

As well as the "official" venue hosting the festivities, other large spaces are being sought across London to host art and creative spaces, kids and women-only spaces, mobile kitchens and crash accommodation spaces. If you can help look out for likely sites or have any workshop ideas or creativity to offer, contact [mayday2k@email.com](mailto:mayday2k@email.com)

### Love's needed

Auditions are taking place for actors, technicians and anyone else interested in taking part in a play about the "Haymarket Martyrs" from the group who organised the Bradford production in previous years. You don't need any experience, just loads of enthusiasm. Interested? e-mail [janenoel@everett3.freemove.co.uk](mailto:janenoel@everett3.freemove.co.uk)

Leaflets, stickers and preposterous press speculation, all coming soon. BM Mayday, London WC1N 3XX (020) 8374 5027

[www.freepress.org/mayday2k](http://www.freepress.org/mayday2k)

## US Navy coming to bomb Scotland

In a bizarre twist to the UK/US 'special relationship', the US navy will soon be arriving off the north coast of Scotland. There, it will fire shells at the tiny island of Garvie and part of the mainland at Cape Wrath. And all by invitation of the Ministry of Defence. The US navy are coming here because protests have forced them out of the island of Vieques off Puerto Rico, in the Caribbean. They have been dropping bombs on Vieques for 58 years, including recently Depleted Uranium shells, leaving toxic ammo all over the island and increasing the cancer rate in the local population to 26% higher than the rest of Puerto Rico. In April 1999, one of many stray bombs killed a security guard. Since then, local islanders and Puerto Ricans have occupied the naval part of Vieques, acting as a 'human shield' to stop the bombing. Many 'civil disobedience camps' have been set up, and the protestors have built a dock, church, school and dance hall (apparently in that order!) within the naval base.

The US navy is due to arrive at the firing range during March, headed by the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Dwight D Eisenhower. They have been followed by protestors from Puerto Rico, who will be speaking at rallies in Edinburgh and Inverness. Contact Mike Small on 0131 558 7444 (Product Office) or email [mike@redherring.demon.co.uk](mailto:mike@redherring.demon.co.uk), or see [www.viequeslibre.org](http://www.viequeslibre.org).

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## Naked Truth

Two people from the Protest Naked For The Right To Be Naked In Public campaign are up for, yes, indecent exposure at Birmingham Crown Court on the 25th Feb. They reckon the 1847 law is outdated and should be scrapped. After stripping off at such tightly dressed places as the Royal Courts of Justice, the campaign plans to protest naked at New Scotland Yard on July 15th. 01203 222076 [www.geocities.com/thehumanmind/](http://www.geocities.com/thehumanmind/)

### What a Joke!

What do you get if you tear up 8.5 miles of countryside, trashing 358 acres of land containing three special sites of scientific interest, 10,000 trees, two civil war battle sites and then concrete the bloody lot? In the illogical, road fanatical Blighty, believe it or not, you win an award! Environment wrecking, hard core terrorists, Mott MacDonald, the organisation responsible for this solid achievement, won the Concrete Society's Millennium Award. As they have spread the stuff over half of China, Hong Kong and Malaysia, to name but a few, it's no wonder. They also took away the civil engineering category and were awarded a certificate of excellence. This is obviously going to pave the way for other multi-national lovelies to grace our land.

### Top Tips for Terrorists...

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